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## Blagojevich win marks first change in 25 years

♦ *Local political scientists say Illinois  
going opposite direction of the nation*

By Maura Possley  
CITY EDITOR

Tuesday night's election of Rod Blagojevich as Illinois' new governor marks the first time this state has seen a Democrat in the office in 25 years.

In addition, the elections revealed Illinois is opposite the overwhelming majority of Republicans taking office following this week's elections.

"Illinois is moving in the entire opposite direction of the country," said Andrew McNitt, political science professor.

The Democratic absence, McNitt said, is a result of the problems that current Republican Gov. George Ryan has had in his career, particularly as secretary of state.

"(The problems) affected not only George Ryan but the entire Republican Party at the state level," he said.

With Blagojevich taking office in January, McNitt said solidifying the office will depend on how well he does with policy. He added that elections give an opportunity, but they don't guarantee results.

Richard Wandling, chair of the political science department, said there will and will not be differences in managing the state government by Democrats.

"Some of the issues that were not addressed by state government in recent years now are going to be on the table," he said.

Those subjects, Wandling said, may include minimum wage, labor issues and a more proactive government in welfare policy overall.

However, he said he doesn't think Blagojevich will handle the budget any differently than his opponent, Jim Ryan, would have.

"I don't think there's a Democratic or Republican solution to it," Wandling said. "It would differ only marginally."

Another effect of a Democratic governor, Wandling said, is more Democratic policy-makers. Because there have been Republican governors, they have elected Republicans as their right-hand policy makers.

However, with a Democrat taking over the office, there will be a lot more resumes hitting the capitol for policy-making jobs.

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CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Dani Walk, a junior special education major, studies with her coat on because of cooler temperatures in Buzzard Hall Wednesday evening.

## Classrooms may be cooler

♦ *Temperatures in residence  
and academic halls will be  
lowered to 68 degrees for  
second winter in a row*

By Melissa Nielsen  
CAMPUS EDITOR

For the second consecutive year, Eastern will lower the temperature in campus buildings in an attempt to save money in light of the recent budget crisis. However, some students and faculty are concerned that the lowered temperature may cause the same uncomfortable conditions they experienced last year.

In past years, thermostats in residence and academic halls have been set to 70 degrees, but Jeff Cooley, vice president of business affairs, said administrators decided to lower the temperature

by two degrees to save money after the budget fell \$2.2 million short this fiscal year. The recognized comfort zone is between 66 and 72, and Cooley previously said he thinks 68 will adequately serve the needs of the campus.

"We were anticipating this," he said. "I hope the campus understands that this was something to help us meet the budget shortfall."

Cooley said the university saved about \$200,000 during last year's mild winter when administrators turned the heat down after fall semester break to the shock of many returning students and faculty. The university saves about percent per every degree the thermostat was lowered. The university estimates to save that much again, depending on fuel prices and the severity of this year's winter.

Last year, Cooley said, administrators heard some complaints from students

and staff in campus buildings, but he encouraged everyone to get adjusted to the temperature and report any problems.

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining, said he also heard complaints from students living in residence halls, but this year, students have more time to prepare for the change.

"Last year, I think we caught them off guard," he said.

He said the problem with turning the heat lower lies in the type and age of heating system the university owns. The challenge is that it's hard to be exact with this system, he said. Certain areas fluctuate, and in other areas, it is too low, and people should report low temperatures.

"You have to tinker with it to get the appropriate temperature everywhere," he said.

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## Fire leaves residents in the cold

By Maura Possley and Melissa Nielsen  
STAFF EDITORS

A late afternoon fire left Thomas Hall residents homeless for about an hour Wednesday while firefighters worked to put it out.

Students lined 7th St. at about 4 p.m. after a trash chute fire broke out on the second floor of Thomas Hall, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Yves Pierre-Romeus, a sophomore psychology major, was in his second-floor room when the fire alarm went off. He said when he tried to evacuate the building the hallway was so full of smoke, but he heard a voice instructing him to exit the building.

When Lazerrick Young, a freshman biology major, attempted to exit the building he said there were thick clouds of smoke in the staircase from the third to second floor. Before he walked down the



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Thomas residents (left to right): Dave Novak, a sophomore biology major, Brett Stidham, a freshman computer information systems major and Adam Rivera, a freshman computer information systems major, stand outside Thomas Hall while firefighters put out a fire inside the building Wednesday afternoon.

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## Krispy Kreme doughnuts arrive on campus today

By Eram Cowlas  
STAFF WRITER

Biting into a warm, gooey, delicious doughnut that melts in your mouth can be enough to excite anyone, particularly now that Krispy Kreme Doughnuts are available on campus.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts will be delivered to the Panther Pantry in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union every Thursday morning at 7 a.m. The St. Louis Krispy Kreme Bakery will provide the doughnuts, and Allen Foods will deliver them.

The project has been in the works since fall semester started, and rumors of the doughnuts and advertisements have created excited anticipation by some students.

"Every Thursday, I'm getting up at 7 a.m. for doughnuts," said

Maggie Foiles, a freshman undecided major. "It's just that I love doughnuts."

Though there have been some problems getting the Krispy Kremes onto campus, the university was committed to getting the doughnuts to the students.

Cathy Engelkes, assistant director of the union, said the Krispy Kreme corporation is committed to quality and freshness, and that led to some delays in getting the doughnuts on campus. The doughnuts were originally scheduled to be on campus by early September.

"Krispy Kreme is concerned about (the) quality control of their products," said Shirley Stewart, vice president of student affairs, about the delay in getting the doughnuts. She said that Krispy Kreme officials came to campus

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Bridget Busse, an intern for the Counseling Center and a graduate student, leads a discussion about depression in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday night.

# Students face the facts of depression

By Matthew Kent  
STAFF WRITER

More than 5,000 college students commit suicide every year, and a major factor in those deaths is depression.

To help students identify symptoms and suggest possible solutions for depression, Julie Hoffman and Bridget Busse, interns at the Counseling Center, held a presentation entitled "Feeling Low" Wednesday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Those who feel extreme sadness or a sudden loss of their favorite activities might be suffering from depression.

"Depression is an illness and it is treatable, but there is hope," Hoffman said.

Depression affects the mind and the body at the same time. It often begins in early adulthood and can affect work and social life.

"It doesn't go away over time, it can last months or years," Hoffman said. "Untreated depression can eventually lead to suicide."

Hoffman said if the symptoms are identified, the average time span of depression is two weeks.

There are several types of depression: major, manic depression and seasonal affected.

Major depression is the most common type, and general symptoms are sleeping or eating too little or too much.

Manic depression, also known as bipolar disorder, occurs when an individual

goes through a sudden wide range of emotions.

"People go through periods of happiness and can be very creative, but then crash and feel suddenly sad and depressed," Hoffman said about manic depression.

Seasonal-affected depression can affect people when certain weather conditions are present, such as extreme sunlight.

Busse said approximately 1.5 million adults in the United States have depression and women are more susceptible than men.

"One out of every four women and one out of every 10 men suffer from depression," she said. "Those with a history of depression in their family are more likely to get it as well."

Symptoms individuals might have include withdrawing from your friends and activities you find enjoyable, inability to concentrate and a loss of hope.

The Counseling Center offers assistance in treating depression, but Busse says the best help might come from another source.

"Your family and friends are the best support group you have," she said. "Eating nutritiously and exercising are also important."

Busse offered some advice on what a person should do if they think a friend is suffering from extreme depression.

"If you think that someone is suicidal, get help immediately," Busse said. "Tell them you are concerned about them, and don't leave them alone."

# Eastern's Nimmons featured in Sports Edge Magazine

By Avian Carrasquillo  
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

An Eastern Board of Trustees member was recently featured in the October /November 2002 issue of Sports Edge Magazine as one of 25 leaders to watch in the sports industry for her work with her family-owned company Schutt Sports.

Julie Nimmons, the third generation of her family to work for Schutt Sports, graduated from Eastern in 1977. Since then, she has

been busy making a name for Schutt Sports as president and CEO while opening doors for women in the sporting goods industry.

Nimmons was the first woman elected to the board of trustees of the sporting goods store.

Nimmons' husband Ken, who works for Schutt Sports, was ecstatic about his wife's success.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for showcasing her accomplishments. She continues to elevate the organization to world-class perform-

ance," Ken Nimmons said.

Nimmons' two daughters have taken the first steps to following in their mother's footsteps by attending Eastern.

Stephanie Nimmons, a junior speech communication major with a minor in business, could be the fourth gen-



Julie Nimmons

eration of her family to work for Schutt Sports.

"There's a possibility that I could join the family business after I graduate. Growing up, I've learned so much from her- she has inspired me," Stephanie Nimmons said. "It's rare that you see a woman honored for being successful in business, and it's even more rare that it's in sports."

"I was so proud of her, and I'm glad she's being recognized for everything she's done. I don't think there's a greater honor."

Jennifer Baker, Nimmons' other daughter, also has looked at the family business as a possible career.

As an undergraduate at Eastern, Baker majored in industrial technology with an emphasis in manufacturing and a minor in business. Currently, she is a graduate student in technology.

"I couldn't be prouder of her, the award reflects her years of hard work," Baker said.

"I'd love to fill those shoes, but I know it won't be easy."

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## EDITORIAL

# Use remaining funds now

The University Board has delivered two big-name events to campus with plenty of money left to spare.

So that's a good thing, right?

Not necessarily.

The UB has approximately \$14,000 remaining from the fund students voted last year to chip into, but has no plans to book another big event this semester.

It shouldn't be acceptable to roll over the concert budget when students are paying \$5 each semester with the expectation that all of that money will be spent during that semester.

The students who won't be here next semester such as graduates and transfers won't get the benefits of whatever big act the UB has cooked up to bring to campus in the spring.

While using money left over from this semester sounds like a good way to have more money for the spring, it is not fair to those who will not be there to see it.

Students likely didn't vote for the \$5 fee with the expectation of it being a roll-over fund for the UB.

The UB could be saving up money left over to book an even bigger act. During the campaign to get students to vote for the fee, the UB promised to bring groups like Nelly or Nickelback, but this has yet to materialize.

Even if the UB can land a top-tier group in the spring semester, it makes the fee less useful for many of those who voted for it in the first place.

The UB should go to great lengths to bring in another act for the fall semester, there is no reason to sit on the money.

If the UB does indeed use the left over money to get a bigger act, it needs to follow through. Everclear was a good start, but the UB leadership was unsure of how well the organization would handle such an event.

The first big concert brought to campus with the concert fee went well. Now it is time to either use the remaining concert budget for this semester or bring the bigger acts the UB promised last year while campaigning for this fee.

### At issue

The recent Everclear concert put on by the University Board

### Our stance

The UB needs to use the remaining concert budget this semester or use remaining money to bring in an even bigger act in the spring.

## OPINION

# Why vote without confidence?



Maura Possley

City editor and monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

Possley also is a junior journalism major.

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So I'm just going to put it out into the open – I didn't vote. Before the voting public gets their ballots in a bunch, I want to say there must be a reason that myself along with a majority of the student body chose not to exercise their right.

I mean there's the obvious, that as college students some of us live in a bubble and if news doesn't interrupt our regularly scheduled broadcast we wouldn't know about it. Whereas a few decades ago college students were burning their bras and opposing wars, now the college attitude seems to be less involved in the world, but rather our individual worlds. I'll be the first to admit that I take advantage of being a college student and use that attitude despite the fact I know better.

So does that make me lazy, ignorant or ungrateful? Possibly.

I know there are people all around the world who cannot vote and don't have the luxuries I do, such as democracy. My question is, to what extent do we say we have democracy, and to what extent do we really mean it?

I guess you can look at my life and assume I'm ungrateful because I have never voted. But I don't think that's true for many people who didn't vote, or have never voted. I value what I have in many ways, I'm not some ungrateful, non-voting monster.

*"So are we supposed to vote just because it's our right, even though we don't believe in anyone there is to choose from?"*

I agree with what most candidates preach about during election season that universal health care and right to jobs and education is important. What it really comes down to is that I don't believe any of them will get the job done. Furthermore, I don't even think most of the candidates really ever intend to do what they say in office, except pay attention to those who paid for their campaigns – not saying I'm right, but doesn't that thought mean something in itself?

Maybe it's just me, but I don't really have any faith in any candidate I've seen speak. So are we supposed to vote just because it's our right to, even if we don't believe in anyone there is to choose from? If that's true, it needs to change.

This brings up another point. Before this election I knew little about each candidate, so I thought to myself, why would I vote when I could be voting for someone I don't believe in?

Sure, I could be glued to the news and find out everything there is to know about candidates for governor and county positions, but I don't, and I don't think I'm the only one. That may not justify it and I'm not defending that, but I will say there's a reason no one votes on this campus and among our age group in general and expecting them to just come around may not work.

Speeches about how candidates will fight for us and for our generation, though, aren't going to get us out to the polls. Maybe I'm not the only one who doesn't have faith that what we are being told is honest and good.

So why don't we ban together as one great big happy Generation X and make a difference?

Perhaps because no one trusts or believes in the system, or its candidates.

Just the other day in one of my classes someone asked the question, 'Why should I vote for president when the electoral college is just going to decide it anyway?' Exactly.

I know there are many reasons why I should vote and I don't think I could ever justify it in one column. My purpose in writing this is simple, there is a reason many of us don't vote and thinking we're ignorant and expecting our age group to just wise up may not be the answer.



## YOUR TURN: LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Stupidity caused incident, not alcohol

Reports of students throwing candy and other objects at parade participants and even Mayor Cougill's wife were brought to the attention of the External Relations Committee last week at its meeting. I am upset with many of my fellow students for what took place on that day. Mayor Cougill was present at the meeting and said he felt alcohol was the main cause of this kind of behavior, but I feel he is wrong in saying this. Personally, I think it is

the stupidity of a select few on this campus. A select few that keeps growing as time progresses.

We wonder why administration and local officials feel it is necessary to implement programs such as Project 21. There is no reason for us to get mad at them because they think it is alcohol that causes this behavior. The next time you hear yourself or others complaining about Mayor Cougill and his decision to have Project 21 in Charleston, look at your

fellow students who do stupid and childish things such as what happened during the Homecoming parade. We as students allow these types of things to happen and, in turn, everyone gets punished in the long run because alcohol is such an easy scapegoat for people to use. If you want

things to be changed, consider stopping this type of idiotic behavior before it happens.

Brian Scios  
sophomore political science major  
External Relations Committee member

The editorial is the majority opinion of the *Daily Eastern News* editorial board.

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## French games

Kathryn Bulver, French Club Adviser and professor in the foreign languages department, explains the rules of “Cluedo,” the French version of “Clue,” to Liz Kowalski, a junior accounting major, and Erin Keefe, a freshman mathematics major, during Wednesday’s French Games Night in Coleman Hall.

# Senate tables decision on Homecoming behavior

By John Chambers  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate tabled a bill to send a letter of correspondence apologizing for student behavior at this year’s Homecoming parade to some marching bands that participated.

The bill was a result of last month’s senate External Relations Committee meeting that drew student and community comment regarding students throwing items and directing obscenities at those marching along the parade route.

“There were some problems with students (at Homecoming),” said Marty Ruhaak, student vice president for public affairs. “Everyone has a right until it fringes on other people’s rights. Some students did fringe on other people’s rights.”

External Relations Chair George Lesica submitted the bill and said it will be sent to Newton Central Junior High, Charleston High School, Charleston Middle School and “any other organization who we find were harassed.”

Ruhaak co-authored the bill and said the purpose of the letter is to apologize for student actions and remind those offended that many students would not have the same conduct as observed at the parade.

“This does not shine well on the university of what happened that day,” Ruhaak said. “This is a black eye to students. We need to make it be known students are respectful, and students have that character about them.”

The resolution states: “Eastern Illinois University is a friendly and pleasant atmosphere that does not encourage unsightly and distasteful behavior. Please, recognize that the circumstances that you encountered were the actions of a few, and not the majority of Eastern students. In fact, the university community will be working to greatly improve the Homecoming event, so that these situations can be avoided.”

Lesica said the resolution helps clear the community and those offended from assuming all Eastern students would react similar

to the offenders at the parade.

“Don’t demonize the entire group just because a few students were out of line,” Lesica said.

Two motions tabled last week to allocate monies to Student Government were approved.

One will allocate \$500 for reimbursement from the Apportionment Board for expenses arising from the Council on Academic Integrity at the University of Virginia.

The reimbursement will cover the cost of Student Senate member Amanda Sartore to attend the conference. Ronnie Deedrick, student vice president for academic affairs, one faculty member and one administrator also attended the conference, but the expense was funded through the Judicial Affairs office.

The second bill passed will allocate \$65 for sending two Student Government delegates to the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s Student Action team.

Shirley Stewart, vice president for student affairs, spoke to senate members encouraging them to advertise to others of the existence of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts on campus beginning today.

She said the university receives 100 dozen doughnuts of glazed and six assorted varieties a week, with opportunities to order more.

“We can take that number to 500 if we wanted to,” Stewart said. “I wanted to let you know the Krispy Kreme territory in St. Louis is only serving two campuses, Washington (University) in St. Louis and Eastern.”

The doughnuts will be available in the Panther Pantry of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The Anti-Stoneaholics was approved as a Recognized Student Organization.

The organization’s application states the group’s purpose will be, “to provide support for students who are having problems with their roommates due to drug abuse.”

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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# Future teachers gain inspiration

By Teri Webster  
STAFF WRITER

Future teachers gathered Wednesday to learn about a program that could be useful to their classrooms.

The workshop was lead by Julie Lockett, coordinator of technology for Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology (PT3), which is part of the Office of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Lockett said additional workshops in November were added to the schedule because of high attendance at the September and October workshops.

Lockett used the workshop to explain to aspiring teachers how to use Inspiration, a program that creates concept maps.

A rapid-fire tool was shown to students because of its usefulness in brainstorming. To utilize this tool, students only had to type text and press enter. The text would then appear inside symbols, which are all connected to a main idea.

The workshop also discussed zooming in and out, changing shapes of symbols, adding symbols, adding text to a link and linking symbols.

One useful tool explained was the outline view, which creates an outline based on how the symbols are connected. When students are done with the diagram, they are able to add topics to the outline as they desire.

At the end of the workshop, Lockett explained to the students how to view templates of the Inspiration program. These templates would help future teachers get started with lesson plans and other every day tasks for teachers.

Melanie M. Reed, a junior elementary education major, said the templates will be especially useful to her when creating lesson plans for her classroom.

The PT3 will host a variety of workshops throughout November. Lockett said the next workshop on Nov. 14 will be on scanning photographs and documents in Buzzard Hall room 2445.



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## Ride it!

From left, Samantha Avery, a freshman education major, Dawn Puetz, a junior recreation and administration major, Jami Spencer, a freshman art education major and Carolyn Llaguno, a sophomore elementary education major, have a turkey-teeter-totter-athon Wednesday outside of Coleman Hall. The members of Alpha Phi Omega are raising money to buy turkeys for the Charleston Food Pantry.

# RHA develops ideas to make campus living more entertaining

By Chris Womack  
STAFF WRITER

Housing surveys issued to one-third of students in residence halls will be discussed at the Residence Hall Association meeting tonight.

The surveys contain 107 questions addressing residents' overall satisfaction with residence hall life. Specific issues being addressed by the surveys include dining services, residence life, staff, hall government and RHA.

RHA has no new business to discuss at its meeting so it will focus on the fun aspects of RHA.

RHA has introduced two new programs to entertain those at the meetings.

RHA has developed a "good word/bad word" program. Advisers who use the "good word" for the week will receive candy and advisers who use the "bad word" for the week will be jeered by the other advisers.

"The good word for this week is 'residence hall' and the bad word is 'dorm,'" RHA President Kevin

Leverence said.

RHA Vice President Kristina Heldmann also instituted an award called "the blow of the week." This award is given to the RHA adviser who had the worst week.

Advisers write the bad events that occurred in their week, and then a vote is taken to determine who had the worst week. The recipient is then given a "blow pop" as an award. The "blow of the week" award will be issued again this week.

RHA also will also be sponsoring

"Campus Perk" from 8 p.m. to midnight Thursday in the basement of Thomas Hall. Students will be able to participate in the "open mic" section of the event from 9 p.m. to midnight.

'Campus Perk' is a bar alternative for students looking to have a good time in a fun setting," Leverence said.

In old business, RHA passed a parking resolution that proposed combining underclassman and upperclassman lots. This resolution will go to the University Police

Department's parking committee for further evaluation.

RHA will also further encourage students to join the Blue Crew. The Blue Crew is an unofficial campus organization designed to promote student support of athletics, particularly basketball. Interested students can contact Student Body President Allsion Mormino at 581-7670 or David Kidwell, assistant director of athletics, sports information and marketing at 581-6408.

RHA will meet at 5 p.m. tonight in Ford Hall.

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and checked out the location of the Krispy Kreme display in the Panther Pantry.

Despite the delay, the union is still excited about getting the Krispy Kremes.

"It's just a great doughnut," Stewart said.

The Panther Pantry will purchase 100 dozen doughnuts every week in several varieties, including the original glazed, fudge iced glazed, fudge iced cream filled, glazed devils food, fudge iced sprinkled and several others. A special fall treat of pumpkin spice doughnuts will also be available.

Prices are \$6.50 per dozen, \$3.50 per half dozen and 60 cents for a single doughnut, and prices include tax. Doughnuts can be pre-ordered by 3 p.m. Monday for pick up upon delivery on Thursday by calling 581-3616.

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stairs Young stopped to knock on doors of people on his floor to make sure they would exit the building.

Hudson said firemen were going to work on airing out the building for about an hour then inspect for further damage and, if all went OK, let the residents back into the building.

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# Sniper lawyers say federal charges a stretch

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — The attorney for John Allen Muhammad denounced the government's case against the sniper suspect, saying federal prosecutors overreached in bringing extortion charges.

The lawyer's remarks on Tuesday case as a federal judge ordered Muhammad held without bail and investigators on the other side of the country looked into a fatal shooting to see if it's related to the sniper suspects.

Federal prosecutors brought charges against Muhammad last week under weapons and extortion law in the October sniper attacks that killed 10 people in the

Washington, D.C., area. He could get the death penalty.

In court, federal public defender James Wyda accused prosecutors of trying to "shoe-horn this case into federal courts" in using the extortion law. He said the government is trying to prove that "these seemingly random attacks were all motivated by a crackpot scheme to collect \$10 million."

Wyda noted that authorities did not even receive a note demanding the money until Oct. 19, well into the shooting spree.

"This is no longer a murder case; this is an extortion case," he said outside court. "They

can't prove extortion. They can't meet their burden of proof in making this a federal case."

Wyda also said authorities have not asked his client for a handwriting sample to attempt to link him to the note.

"The government's case has significant problems," Wyda said. "There's no direct evidence that Mr. Muhammad was at the scene of any of these crimes."

In arguing against bail, federal prosecutor James Trusty told Chief Magistrate Judge Jillyn K. Schulze that Muhammad, 41, used multiple names and birth dates and had been living out of a car.

## Classrooms: Implications of cooler temperatures could be debatable

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The university had problems with some heating equipment last year because of the sheer age of the heating system, and now that equipment is a year older, Cooley said.

"It's just important that we know when there are problems so we can get them fixed," he said.

However, academic buildings are already feeling chilly before any harsh weather conditions hit.

A department in Old Main has set up three space heaters in its offices to combat freezing temperatures.

Students in residence halls, though, have not see a real difference in the temperature yet.

Tricia Carlson, a freshman history major, said she doesn't mind the chilly conditions in her room in Andrews Hall yet, but she may become concerned once temperatures drop.

"It doesn't really bother me," she said. "I just wear a sweatshirt now."

Kristin Lucan, a junior math education major, said up until a week ago, her residence hall room was cold, but she can feel the heat now and thinks it is at a comfort-

able temperature.

However, as far as making sacrifices for the sake of the university budget, Lucan said she wanted to know where the savings were allotted in the budget before she made a decision.

"I would have a better view of it if I knew more about where where those savings were going," she said.

"It doesn't really bother me now, but I think it would if it got really cold," said Kelli Ervin, a freshman undeclared major.

Other students are willing to adjust to the change.

"You can always put on a sweatshirt," said Laura Cuniffree, a freshman English major. "It's better to be cold than anything."

## Blagojevich: Illinois back to its history of competitive two-party system

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"They'll have a chance to run the machinery of state bureaucracy," Wandling said. "It will be interesting to see how the Democrats respond to those opportunities."

Since the mid-1970s, the state's governor seat has been dominated by Republicans because of a long history of Democrat problems and Republican skills.

"Illinois is one of the states considered to have a competitive two-party system," said Wandling said. "Part of it has to do with (Republican's) unique skill."

That skill, Wandling said, includes former Gov. Jim Edgar's fiscal conservatism. But on the other end, he said Democrats have made some past

mistakes that caused Republicans be elected into office.

In 1990, Neil Hartigan neglected Chicago votes, particularly African-American votes, which cost him the office. In 1998, Glen Poshard refused to accept Political Action Committee (PAC) funding, which resulted in a very close race against George Ryan, who used the PAC funds. This led to the assumption, Wandling said, that if Poshard would have taken advantage of the funding he may have won.

## Attorney seeks new DNA test in slaying

CHICAGO (AP) — An attorney for one of two men charged with killing seven workers at a Palatine restaurant in 1993 wants his client's DNA retested.

Clarence Burch, lawyer for Juan Luna, sought the test by an independent laboratory Wednesday after losing his challenge to prosecutors' decision to seek the death penalty in the case.

Luna, 28, and James Degorski, 30, are charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of seven employees of a Brown's Chicken & Pasta restaurant in Palatine during an armed robbery.

They are accused of entering the restaurant just before closing time and jamming the back door shut so that no one could escape. Authorities say the two then forced the victims into coolers and shot them to death.

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- 11Livestock
- 15Second greeting
- 16Soon
- 17Weighed down
- 18Stamp of approval
- 19Put on
- 20Scottish lake
- 21"See for yourself!"
- 22Khakis
- 23Put in
- 24\_\_latte (hot drink)
- 25Matter for the gray matter
- 27Heat meas.
- 29It may have a big head

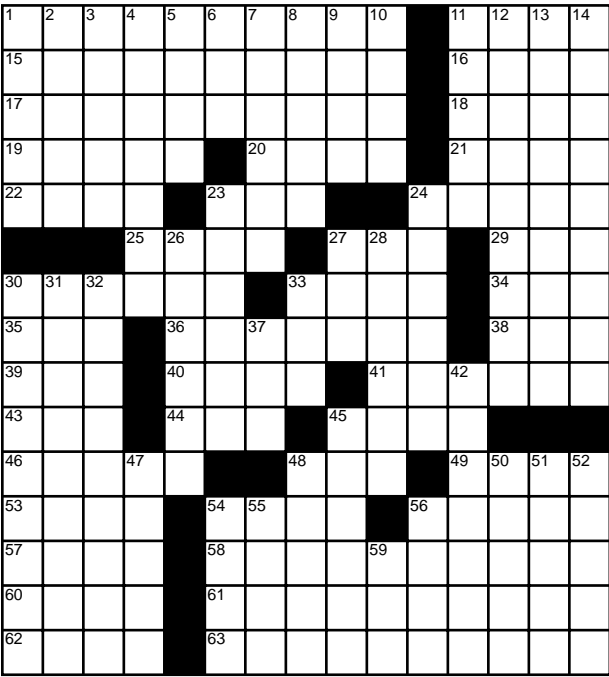
- 30Short-term wheels
- 33Sagan of "Cosmos"
- 34Judge Bean
- 35Like Shostakovich's Symphony No. 2
- 367 or 11, initially, at a 1-Across
- 38"\_\_ Maria"
- 39Fraternity letter
- 40Busy on a job
- 41Lays off
- 43Ones with spots showing?
- 44Home hide-away
- 45Water level indicator
- 46Expensive camera

- 48Article of the Constitution dealing with treason
- 49Like some relations: Abbr.
- 53First name in home humor
- 54Signal at a pagoda, maybe
- 56Video game name
- 57Barbed comments
- 58Skipping the sauce
- 60Pointed arch
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- DOWN**
- 1Where the heart is
- 2\_\_-Wreck
- 3Renamed northern highway
- 4Connects
- 5To a degree
- 6Computer key
- 7Docket
- 8Didn't keep secret



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- 9Cry before and after "all"
- 10"Loose" things
- 11Singer Abdul
- 12To the degree that
- 13Cupid, e.g.
- 142 at a 1-Across
- 23Blow bubbles in
- 24Poet William \_\_ Bryant
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- 27Grill's partner

- 28Razor brand
- 30Pair of 2's at a 1-Across
- 31Typically
- 32Site of two temples of Ramses II
- 33Edit out
- 37Rustproofing agent
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- 45Civil \_\_
- 47Suits
- 48Like many trailers
- 50Bother persistently

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# U.S. brings charges in two drugs-for-weapons plots

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a strike against the “toxic combination” of drugs and terrorism, U.S. officials announced charges Wednesday targeting two alleged plots to sell millions of dollars in illegal drugs to finance weapons purchases for Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida organization and a Colombian paramilitary group.

Attorney General John Ashcroft, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Asa Hutchinson, director of the Drug Enforcement Administration, said the separate cases demonstrate the strong link between drug trafficking and terrorism.

One set of charges involves a plot by four people, two of them Houston-based, to trade \$25 million in cocaine and cash for a huge cache of weapons to be sent to the Colombian United Self-Defense Forces, an 8,000-member paramilitary group known by its Spanish acronym, AUC.

U.S. authorities said the four suspects believed they were going to trade the money and cocaine for 9,000 AK-47s and other assault rifles; grenade launchers and nearly 300,000 grenades; 300 pistols; shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles and about 53 million rounds of ammunition.

In the second case, three people are charged with trying to sell heroin and hashish to buy four shoulder-fired Stinger anti-aircraft missiles for the al-Qaida terror network. An indictment says the al-Qaida link was provided by the suspects themselves.

Top U.S. law enforcement officials hailed the arrests in both cases as a serious blow against terrorism.

“We have learned and we have demonstrated that drug traffickers and terrorists work out of the same jungle, they plan in the same cave, and they train in the same desert,” Hutchinson said.

Ashcroft said the “toxic combination of drugs and terrorism” endangers national security.

In the Houston case, dubbed “Operation White Terror,” undercover agents videotaped meetings in London, the Virgin Islands and Panama City at which the defendants allegedly discussed exchanging drugs and cash for weapons headed for the AUC, Ashcroft said.

The AUC is the umbrella group for right-wing paramilitaries blamed for most of Colombia’s massacres and hundreds of assassinations. The State Department considers the AUC and the two main left-wing guerrilla armies it opposes to be terrorist organizations. AUC’s leader, Carlos Castano, already is charged in the United States with exporting 17 tons of cocaine into the United States and Europe.

# Moussaoui judge: Videotape inexcusable

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The federal judge overseeing the terror trial of Zacarias Moussaoui chastised government prosecutors for giving a blank videotape to Moussaoui, after he asked for a copy of a broadcast interview with an alleged organizer of last year’s Sept. 11 attacks.

Moussaoui, 34, is accused of conspiring with 19 members of suicide teams to commit terrorism, hijack aircraft and kill more than 3,000 people in four jetliners, the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Moussaoui had asked for a videotape of a broadcast interview with Ramzi Binalshibh, who was interviewed in June over a two-day period in Pakistan by an al Jazeera investigative reporter. Days after the broadcast, Binalshibh

was captured in Pakistan.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said this week that the government’s handing over the blank tape was “an inexcusable error; which must be corrected immediately.” Moussaoui had complained in a sealed court filing on Tuesday about the blank tape.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney’s office declined to comment about the tape.

Investigators believe that Binalshibh, a Yemeni, was a member of a Hamburg, Germany-based terror cell led by Mohammed Atta, the suspected leader of the hijackings. Binalshibh unsuccessfully sought to enter the United States at least four times before Sept. 11 but was refused a visa, and allegedly sent \$14,000 to Moussaoui and others from

Germany.

Prosecutors disclosed earlier that a charred business card found at the Sept. 11, 2001 crash site in Shanksville, Pa., contained a handwritten address in Germany that was connected to a telephone number belonging to Binalshibh. Prosecutors said Moussaoui also had called the phone number at that address.

The judge said court papers outlining Moussaoui’s complaint about the blank tape were being deliberately kept sealed because they were “replete with irrelevant and inflammatory rhetoric, including messages to third parties and a prayer for the destruction of the United States.”

Moussaoui, who is representing himself, is set to stand trial June 30 in the case that could carry the death penalty.

# Ryder convicted of grand theft, jail time unlikely

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — A jury on Wednesday found Winona Ryder guilty of stealing more than \$5,500 worth of merchandise during a shoplifting spree at a Saks Fifth Avenue last year, but the actress will likely avoid jail.

The prosecutor said she would not try to put the 31-year-old, two-time Academy Award nominee behind bars, saying she would seek probation, community service and restitution at Ryder’s sentencing on Dec. 6. The charges could have carried up to three years in prison.

Ryder showed no emotion after the jury, which included former movie studio chief Peter Guber, convicted her of felony grand theft and vandalism, the latter charge for cutting sensor tags off merchandise, and acquitted her of burglary.

The actress withheld comment afterward.

“Thanks for asking,” she said. “I just can’t talk right now.”

Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley said in a statement he hoped the court “addresses the problems of the defendant that may have led her to engage in the criminal conduct.”

Cooley did not identify the problems, and there was no testimony about any adversities with which the actress may be dealing. Ryder has said she has been treated for depression and exhaustion.

# Extortion charge made in kidnapping case

◆ *Man claimed he had abducted Salt Lake City youth Elizabeth Smart*

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A South Carolina man was charged Wednesday with trying to extort \$3 million for the safe return of Elizabeth Smart, the 14-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom in June.

The FBI said it couldn’t rule out Walter Holloway, 18, as the kidnapper until they found him Tuesday in Charleston, S.C., typing his latest demands by e-mail.

According to an arrest warrant, Holloway confessed he kept up a regular correspondence with Salt Lake City police and the Smart family, boasting he was “the only real kidnapper,” threatening to hurt the girl and demanding, “Tell Ed he can have Elizabeth back as soon as I get the ransom.”

Holloway sent 38 messages over the past two months before the FBI found him in front of a computer on Tuesday at his par-

ent’s house. The family did not return a telephone message Wednesday from The Associated Press.

Holloway was being held on felony charges of extortion and sending threatening messages across state lines. The charges carry up to 25 years in prison, said U.S. Attorney Paul Warner, who plans to seek a grand jury indictment next week and bring Holloway to Salt Lake City.

Ed Smart said the bungled extortion “makes me sick” and kept authorities from devoting full attention to finding his daughter.

Holloway allegedly warned police they would be shot by snipers if they tried to interfere with a money drop that was never arranged.

FBI agent James H. Burrus Jr. said investigators believed Holloway didn’t have Elizabeth or know any of the details of her disappearance, but couldn’t be certain until they traced him down using his Internet service provider. He was using the screen name “Elizabethsmartkidnapper.”

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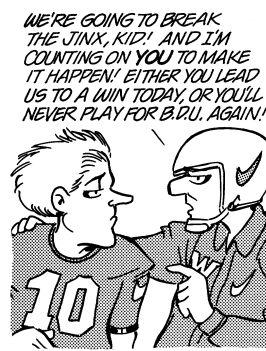
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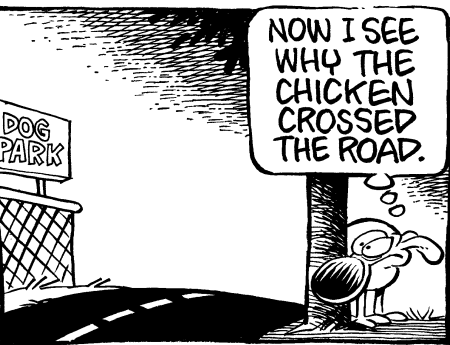
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# Baker leaving as manager of Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Manager Dusty Baker is leaving the San Francisco Giants less than two weeks after leading them to the World Series.

General manager Brian Sabean made the announcement Wednesday, the day Baker's contract expired.

"It has become increasingly apparent that Dusty's interest in exploring opportunities elsewhere is paramount in his mind," Sabean said. "There remained non-compensation issues that he seemed reluctant to embrace."

Sabean said he recommended to owner Peter Magowan that negotiations end.

A three-time NL Manager of the Year, Baker has had differences with Magowan, mainly on who deserves the most credit for the franchise's recent success.

Baker becomes the first manager in nearly three decades to leave a team right after guiding it to the World Series. Dick Williams led Oakland to the 1973 championship and then retired — he was hired by the California Angels during the 1974 season.

The Chicago Cubs and Seattle Mariners are likely to express interest in Baker.

Sabean said he will have a short list of candidates immediately.

At 53, Baker just completed his 10th year with the Giants. He led San Francisco to its first World Series since 1989 before losing in seven games to the Anaheim Angels.

But Baker apparently felt slighted because Magowan always pointed out everybody else's contributions when asked what he thought of Baker's role in the team's success.

Baker also became angry when Magowan said in spring training that this was the best team the Giants had fielded in his 10 years of ownership. Baker thought that put too much pressure on the players.

## Payton: Fassel torn by decision to demote Payton

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Fassel was bothered by the decision because of his relationship with Payton.

"I like Sean Payton a lot and I believe he's an excellent football coach and I definitely see him as future head coach because he has a good command of what he's doing," Fassel said "George Young also told me before I got this job that I was finally tough enough to be a coach and I think he's tough enough now."

"There are a lot of things that we haven't done as an offense and that may be why we are, 3-4 because it is not all Sean Payton's fault," Giants quarterback Kerry Collins said in his Thursday press conference.

Fassel described calling plays as less than "rocket science" when asked about the difficulty of an offensive coordinator's job.

"When you call a play and watch it on film, you very rarely say 'wow, that was a bad call,'" Fassel said "It's all about the execution, because good coaches can get the right guy to execute the right way."

In the 1999-2000 season, Payton

was considered one of the most talented coordinators in the National Football League after leading the Giants offense to the Super Bowl.

"These are the situations in my profession that we all deal with but my reputation as a offensive coordinator isn't tarnished at all," Payton said. "My colleagues in the profession know I can do this."

"It's very interesting how there was never a problem when we went 12-4 and made it to the Super Bowl."

Fassel said his previous five years as head coach don't really mean anything anymore.

"That's our business because my good friend Bobby Valentine got fired after going to the World Series because this what have you done for me lately business keeps getting worse," Fassel said.

The announcement was surprising to Payton because he was developing the game plan for the Jaguars.

"Yeah, it was surprising to me because my mother passed away and then I got right right into the game plan and was told that wouldn't be necessary," Payton said.

The Giants offensive philosophy will be similar to when Payton called the plays, but Fassel felt the need to have the the responsibility.

"When Sean is holding all the keys to the car, and I feel necessary to drive it , I will take the keys," Fassel said. "However, Sean

is an important part of the weekly game plan because I respect his opinion.

Payton said: "In this profession there are certain ways to handle things and in my opinion, this wasn't it."

The Giants players were impressed with the way Payton handled the situation.

"Sean Payton is handling this in a really classy, upstanding way and that says a lot about him," Collins said "It's just too bad he had to take the fall for our poor execution."

Even though the Giants are only halfway through their regular season, Payton left the down open for a possible off-season exit.

"I can only worry about the present New York Giants season, but when that time comes we will sort all that out in the off-season but I'll be fine," Payton said.

"At the end of the season, Sean and I are going to sit down and have a conversation," Fassel said.

Fassel said the reports saying that he's feeling pressure from upper management and ownership aren't true.

"Coach Fassel can handle the situation however he wants to do," Payton said "But if you're asking me if I agree with it, my answer is always going to be no."

Fassel said: "Sometimes I make a change for the good of everybody."

### Women's basketball schedule

Nov. 8 Reebok All-Stars, 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 22 vs. S. Houston St., 3 p.m.

Nov. 23 at Central Florida, 3 p.m.

Nov. 26 at IUPUI, 6 p.m.

Dec. 3 at Loyola, 7 p.m.

Dec. 7 S. Illinois, 7:10 p.m.

Dec. 10 at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.

Dec. 22 at Louisville 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 30 at Ind. State 4:30 p.m.

Jan 2 Chicago St, 7:10 p.m.

Jan 4 at SEMO, 4:30 p.m.

Jan 11 at ECU, 6:30 p.m.

Jan 16 Murray St, 4:30 p.m.

Jan 18 Tenn-Martin, 5:15 p.m.

Jan 20 Murray St, 7:10 p.m.

Jan 24 IPFW, 7:10 p.m.

Jan 27 Austin Peay, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 Tenn. State, 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 3 Tenn Tech, 7:10 p.m.

Feb. 8 Morehead St, 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 10 ECU, 7:10 p.m.

Feb. 15 at Tenn-Martin, 4 p.m.

Feb. 20 Austin Peay, 5:15 p.m.

Feb. 27 at Tenn State, 5:30 p.m.

March 1 at Tenn. Tech, 5:30 p.m.

### Men's basketball schedule

Nov. 11 NBC Thunder, 7:10 p.m.

Nov. 18 at Boise St., 8:15 p.m.

Nov. 24 at Ill.-Chicago, 3 p.m.

Nov. 26 at Marquette, 8 p.m.

Dec. 3 Western Ill., 7:10 p.m.

Dec. 10 at Illinois, 7 p.m.

Dec. 20 at Hawaii, Midnight

Dec. 21 vs. Cal-Poly 10 p.m.

Dec. 30 Northern Ill. 7:10 p.m.

Jan 4 at SEMO, 7:30 p.m.

Jan 9 at Morehead St., 6 p.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panther road trip!

◆ Eastern could travel 8,000 miles in eight days at NIT

By Matthew Stevens  
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern men's basketball program will take on the role of road warriors by traveling all over the country in the first month of its schedule.

The Panthers will be the first school from the Ohio Valley Conference to be invited to the preseason NIT.

"As a university, we are very excited to have a team in the pre-season NIT and repeatedly on national television," director of athletics Rich McDuffie said.

Head coach Rick Samuels said: "To be the first OVC team to play in the NIT is an enormous honor but to be quite honest, we didn't know who we were playing."

In the first round of the pre-season NIT, Eastern will open up its season at Boise State and if it can get past the Broncos, it will probably face the Florida Gators in Gainesville, Fla.

The Panthers will continue on their road trip by visiting University of Illinois-Chicago and Marquette during Thanksgiving Break and will make their annual trip to Champaign to play the Fighting Illini.

"We will gladly travel the miles necessary if we can get to New York in the pre-season NIT because we are talking about beating at least one perennially-ranked team," Samuels said.

The Panthers could travel over 8,000 miles in a eight-day period between Nov. 18-26.

Samuels believes playing

arguably one of the toughest non-conference schedules will do nothing but help OVC Preseason Player of the Year Henry Domercant.

"We take Henry to play against Luther Head of Illinois and Dwayne Wade of Marquette because it just reiterates the fact that he's as good as most players in college today," Samuels said. "It gives us the opportunity to show what he and the team are capable of."

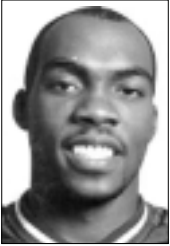
In the age of the Gonzaga cinderellas of the world, the mid-major conferences have gotten more national exposure and Panther fans could possibly hope for an at-large berth if they get enough wins because of their difficult non-conference schedule ranking.

"It certainly does give us a chance once selection time, but we've traditionally played teams high power conferences," Samuels said.

The Panthers have played the 1999 national champion Michigan State team, Purdue and Nebraska in recent years.

In 2002, the Panthers will travel to all four regions of the country and Hawaii before Christmas.

"To be competitive in these high profile non-conference games, definitely does carry over into the highly important regular season," Samuels said.



Henry Domercant

## Finish: Wunder hopes strong nucleus will pace Panthers

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was granted a medical redshirt and will have four more seasons with the Panthers.

Others returning from last year's team with considerable playing time under their belts include juniors center Allison Collins and forward Ronesha Franklin, and sophomores Rachel Karos and Sarah Riva.

Collins averaged 3.8 points per game coming off the bench in 26 games. Franklin made six starts in her second year as a Panther.

Karos saw the most playing time of the four with 605 minutes, and started in 19 games. She averaged 4.9 rebounds a game and led the team in steals with 43. Riva

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Preseason poll

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2 (tie). Eastern Kentucky
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9. Tennessee State

appeared in 25 games and made 41 percent of her field goals.

Newcomers to the team include Evansville transfer junior forward Katie Meyers and freshmen forward Lauren Sims and Mattoon native guard Megan Sparks.

However, Sims will be out with a sprained ankle to start the season and Meyers will not be eligible until she meets her transfer requirements at the end of the fall

## Ranking:

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with them losing eight of their last 10 games. The lack of alternative scoring threats was something that had a big part in their late season tumble. Both Samuels and players believe that the team will offer a more balanced scoring attack.

"I think scoring should be more spread out than what we had last year," Gobjczynski said. "Any of our starting five will be able to hit 15-foot jump shots."

Gobjczynski is one of the players that is fighting to be a part of those starting five. Due to injuries last year he was able to see his minutes increase more and more as the season went on.

"Right now he would be in the mix to earn a starting position," Samuels said. "Andy is a very scrappy player and he battles every possession. If his jump shot gets consis-

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tent that will be a big factor for us."

The Panthers will also be looking for production from Reynolds, who was hampered with an injury for most of last season, Lewis, who Samuels considers the team's best playmaker, and Wright.

"Craig Lewis is our best creator of passes and angles that we have," Samuels said. "Added to that, I think Jason Wright gives a spot-up shoot-

semester.

Wunder believes Eastern's sixth place ranking in the OVC is pretty close to where they should be.

"If I was to look at things on paper with our injuries and everything, I think our ranking is pretty accurate," Wunder said.

At the top of the OVC stands two-time defending OVC Tournament champion Austin Peay who received 13 first-place votes.

The Governors return three players from last year's starting line up. Their roster includes three-time All-OVC senior guard Brooke Armistead and junior center Gerlonda Hardin, the 2002 OVC Tournament MVP.

"They've got a good nucleus back," Wunder said. "They have represented the OVC in the national tournament for the last two years really well. I think the rest of us are trying to play that catch up game."

er that will help keep defenses honest."

The Panthers have a new addition to their program in assistant coach Jack Owens. Owens, a former OVC Honorable Mention guard at Eastern, will bring experience and help to the guard oriented Panthers.

"He has had very good rapport with our guards," Samuels said. "Jack is going to help us with our defensive intensity. We really need to continue to develop our point guards and playmakers and he will help us in that area."

The Panthers have some time before their season opener against Boise State in the pre-season NIT on Nov. 18 to get some extra practice time in. "The past few days of practice have really picked up," Gobjczynski said. "I think there has been a lot more intensity and players have been trying to get after each other."

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SATURDAY	Football vs. Tennessee-Martin	Noon	O'Brien Stadium
	Men's Soccer at Creighton	1 p.m.	

## Down and out in New York



Sean Payton  
"My colleagues in my profession know I can do this."

◆ *Eastern record-holder Payton demoted from Giants' offensive coordinator*

By Matthew Stevens  
STAFF WRITER

The New York Giants made a drastic change the Tuesday after their 17-3 loss to Philadelphia on Monday Night Football by demoting offensive coordinator and Eastern record-holder Sean Payton last week.

"Something wasn't and still isn't completely right with the offense,"

Giants head coach Jim Fassel said in a telephone interview Wednesday night. "It's not all Sean's fault because he didn't fumble the ball or throw those interceptions."

This adds to the laundry list of statements and switches that Fassel has done his six years at the helm including his now-famous playoff guarantee.

"When (former General Manager) George Young hired me, he said that I'd be forced to do things that I have to do instead want to do," Fassel said "The guarantee was weird because I cut the

special teams MVP from last season after that and it got the guys attention."

Fassel said the guarantee could've backfired and how the situation actually puts the blame on himself.

"When I say we're going to the playoffs and we don't, I look real bad," Fassel said "In this case, I'm not about saying don't blame me, Sean runs the offense because my job is to oversee offense, defense and special teams."

Fassel will be calling the plays from the sidelines for the rest of the season because of his displeas-

ure with New York's offensive performance.

"It was the toughest decision I ever had to make because I really like Sean and the last thing I wanted to do is embarrass him," Fassel said. "And I know that I've created a problem."

The Giants were 3-4 when Fassel made the ruling but Payton strongly disagrees with the verdict.

"Do I agree with the decision? No," Payton said Tuesday. "I didn't think or feel that it was right for the team."



Jim Fassel  
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### MEN'S & WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON PREVIEWS

## A season of redemption

◆ *Domercant-led Panthers play to improve on last year's finish*

By Matt Williams  
STAFF WRITER

Memories of last year's 103-56 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament loss to Murray State rests in the minds of the returning men's basketball players and coaches.

Those thoughts will soon be put behind them as the Panthers bring back four returning starters including the nation's No. 2 scorer — senior forward Henry Domercant.

Domercant, who is 808 points shy of becoming the 26th player in NCAA history to reach 2,600 points, led Eastern in both scoring (26.4) and rebounding (7.2) last year.

Domercant tested the NBA waters by visiting camps and tryouts over the summer, but to the likes of Eastern fans decided to return for his senior season.

Along with Domercant, the Panthers return their No. 2-4 scorers in seniors J.R. Reynolds (9.8), Craig Lewis (8.2) and junior Jesse Mackinson (9.6). Eastern also returns starting guard Jason Wright and sophomore Andy Gobczynski who came off the bench for some quality minutes last year.

After finishing last season tied for fifth in the conference with an overall record of 15-16 and 7-9 in the OVC, the Panthers are picked to finish fourth out of nine teams this season.

"I think it's a realistic placement for us," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels. "I think the teams ahead of us have as much (returning players) or more than we do."

With a very competitive conference any team could beat another team. The teams in the middle could provide an interesting race toward the end of the season.

"I think the middle of the pack, the 4-5-6, are teams that can jump up and surprise people," Samuels said. "I don't think you can overlook anybody."

The Panthers' strong start last season ended

◆ *Eastern plays to prove it's better than No. 6 preseason ranking*

By Matt Meinheit  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern women's basketball will start this season from where it left off last year.

The Panthers were ranked tied for sixth place in the Ohio Valley Conference with Murray State and Tennessee-Martin in a preseason poll among OVC coaches and sports information directors. In the 2001-02 season, the Panthers finished with a 7-21 overall record and 6-10 in OVC play to tie Tennessee-Martin.

Head coach Linda Wunder will return all but one player from last year's team. The Panthers lost guard Michelle Lewis to graduation. Lewis joined the Panthers in 2000 as a junior college transfer. In her senior year, Lewis set a school record for the most three-point field goals made in a season with 58.

The Panthers are a young team this year with just only seniors on the roster. Forward Kayla Bloemer and Brooke Gossett will be playing in their fourth season at Eastern.

After red-shirting her freshman year, Gossett made 27 appearances in 1999-2000 and 2000-01. While only making two starts in those two years, Gossett averaged over 16 minutes a game. Last year, Gossett continued to come off the bench to average 6.3 points per game. She also recorded a career-high 25 points against Bradley.

Bloemer started in 22 games last year averaging 4.3 points per game and pulled down 88 rebounds.

It is Eastern's junior class that fills the bulk of the Panthers' roster. Wunder has five juniors on her roster, including OVC pre-season first teamer Pam O'Connor.

O'Connor was an OVC second team choice last year after leading the Panthers in scoring with 18 points per game (fourth in the OVC).

The Panthers will be without O'Connor's services until December at the earliest. O'Connor is recovering from an anterior cruciate ligament injury. Wunder is pleased with the way O'Connor's rehab is progressing.

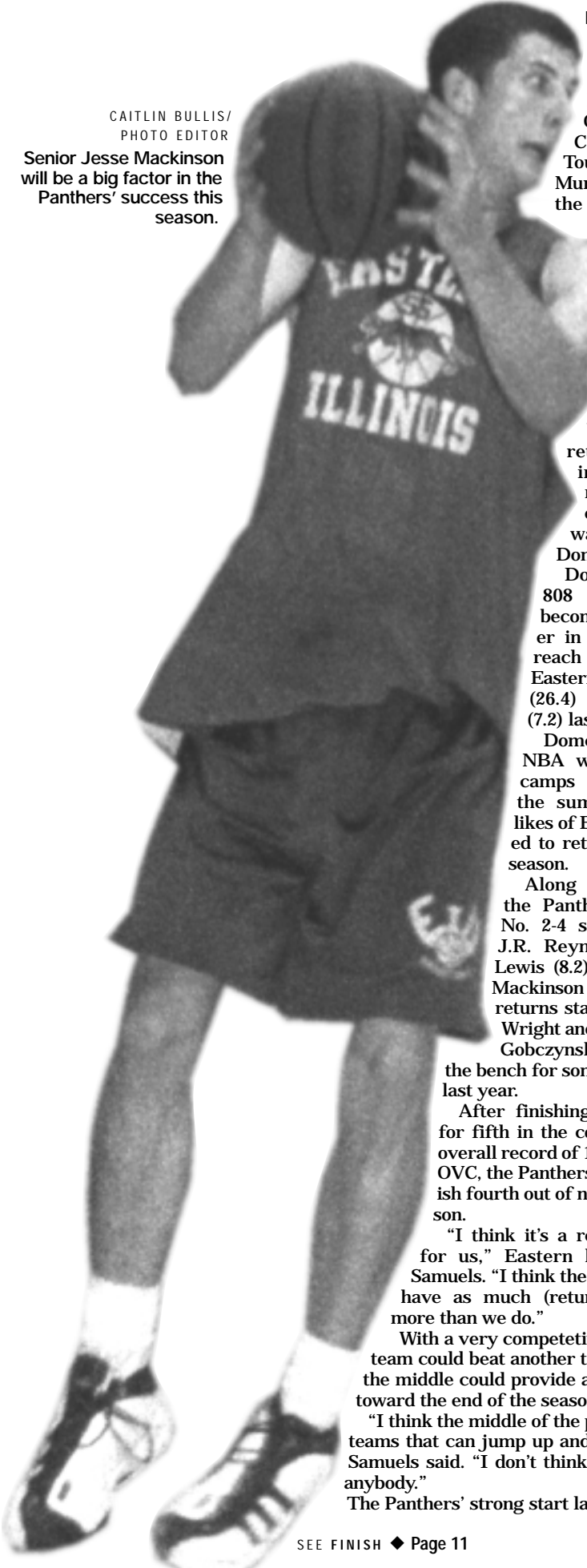
"Pam's doing pretty good, she is pretty much on schedule and should be able to practice by the beginning of December," Wunder said.

Junior guard Lauren Dailey is also recovering from injury. Dailey has been nursing a sore foot that limited her playing time during the teams trip to Australia this past August.

Last season Dailey, a natural two guard, was second on the team in scoring with 11.6 points per game playing out of position at point guard. Dailey established herself as one of the best perimeter shooters in the OVC making 56 three pointers, two shy of Lewis. Dailey was forced to play point guard for the injured Ashley Kearney.

Kearney, who was expected to start at the point as a freshman, suffered a season-ending back injury after just three games. In three games she made seven steals. Kearney

FILE PHOTO  
Sophomore Rachel Karos should make an impact after seeing limited action last year.



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Senior Jesse Mackinson will be a big factor in the Panthers' success this season.



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